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IARI JOINT PROJECT WITH ISRAEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agriculture Research Institute has started any joint project with Israel;

(b) the extent of success achieved therefrom;

(c) the time by which the farmers are likely to be benefited by this project; and

(d) the position of our country in the field of aquaculture alongwith the improvement made therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Required infrastructure such as drip-irrigation, green house, net house and low tunnel have been completed. Different vegetables, flowers and fruit crops have been planted under various environments as practised in Israel.

(c) The process of technology transfer to the farmers has already been started through demonstrations and hands-on training to the farmers.

(d) The estimated fish production from fresh water aquaculture sector is 2.03 million m.t. in India. This achievement has been made possible due to development of technologies for seed production and farming of carps, catfishes, freshwater prawn and shrimps. For the improvement of aquaculture sector various steps are being taken, like production of genetically improved rohu, cryo-preservation of fish milt and hatchery technologies for carp, prawn, shrimp, mahseer and seabass.